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## SALOON LICENSE TO BE DOUBLED

County Commissioners Instruct Assessor to Enforce the Law

At the meeting of the county commissioners on last Monday in Estancia, a resolution was adopted authorizing and employing Chas. F. Fasley of Santa Fe and C. E. Coffin of Chicago, as financial agents of Torrance county to secure the passage of a special act by Congress validating a bond issue for Torrance county in the sum of not to exceed \$60,000, and also to dispose of the bonds at not less than par. The proceeds of the sale of the bonds to be used in paying the indebtedness of Torrance county to Valencia county, the floating indebtedness of the county, and to erect a commodious and substantial courthouse at Estancia.

The Commissioners further adopted a memorial to Congress, praying the passage of such an act, stating specifically the necessity of such a measure at this time. The bonds, if validated by Congress will find ready sale, and the credit of Torrance county will be placed on a sound footing this issue of bonds taking up all the outstanding indebtedness to date.

A petition was presented by Sheriff Meyer, calling the attention of the board to the fact that retail liquor licenses in several of the towns of the county were now being collected at a lower rate than that prescribed by law, in proportion to the population. Acting upon the petition, the board instructed the assessor to carefully investigate the matter of the population of the various precincts and fix the liquor licenses in the towns accordingly. This action on the part of the board will practically double the retail liquor licenses in Estancia, Willard, Moriarty and possibly one or two other towns. Heretofore the license fee in Estancia has been \$200 per annum. At the election last November there were polled in this precinct 403 votes. Even at the low estimate of three inhabitants to one vote, the population of the precinct would be something over 1200. The law fixes the license fee at \$400 where the population of the precinct is over 1,000.

The books and records in the courthouse were re-insured by order of the board in the sum of \$1,000, through the local agency of Minnie Brumback, at a premium of \$35.50.

Sheriff Meyer again asked that the board allow him the necessary funds for the purchase of steel cages for the county jail. The board instructed him to take the matter up with the district attorney, and if it could be done legally, they would allow the amount.

The treasurer was instructed to issue a new tax receipt to W. A. Goodwin, in exchange for one issued erroneously by the ex-treasurer.

In the matter of refunding the amount of the liquor license paid by J. R. McKinley and Doroteo Torres, they were ordered to file with the clerk an affidavit as to the exact time they sold liquors at Mountainair, and the treasurer was instructed to refund to them the pro rata amount of the license fee.

A petition was presented with 36 signatures living in the vicinity of Mountainair, asking the removal of county surveyor James. The board instructed the clerk to order the surveyor to cease his

## Boosters Coming Tuesday Morning

The Albuquerque Boosters at a meeting held on last Saturday night changed their plans as to the itinerary and the time spent en route. According to the latest schedule, the special will leave Albuquerque this (Friday) morning, going south to Socorro, spending the evening at the latter place. Tomorrow the special will be run to El Paso, stopping at various places en route, and arriving at the Pass City at 3 p. m. Sunday will be spent in El Paso and Juarez. Monday will be spent in the Mesilla Valley. Tuesday morning will find the special at Mountainair, and the following schedule be followed:

Arrive	Leave
8:00 a.m. Mountainair	8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Willard	10:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. Estancia	12: noon
12:30 p.m. McIntosh	1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. Moriarty	2:00 p.m.
2:50 p.m. Stanley	3:15 p.m.
4:35 p.m. Kennedy	4:45 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Los Cerrillos	5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. Bernalillo	7:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m. Albuquerque	

## Real Estate Transfers

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the probate clerk of Torrance county during the week: Amador Perea to Manuel Mestas, part of land contained in patent number 3249.

Manuel Mestas to Consolidated Liquor Co., same as above. Consideration, \$100.

Abo Land Co. to Joseph C. Collins, lot 7, block 18, Mountainair. Consideration \$125.

Estancia Townsite & Development Co., to Warren A. Mills, lots 24 and 25, block 19, McIntosh. Consideration \$130.

Chas. Ford & wife to Monte Goodin, lot 1, block Z, Estancia. Joseph S. Keller to R. Sellers, lots 17 and half lot 18, block 14, Mountainair. Consideration \$150.

Pedro Sanchez to Jonathan Richart & 1-2 ne 1-4 sec 32 and w 1-2 nw 1-4 sec 33, T6n. R8e. Consideration \$2600.

J. M. Whitlow to F. M. Hoover, lots 7 and 8, block 25, Alta Vista. Con. \$750.

Lasater Land Co. to Sam A. Gooding, w 1-2 block 32, Alta Vista. Con. \$120.

J. E. Stanford to Maranda M. Olive, lot 9, block 50, Estancia. Con. \$100.

F. M. Hoover to R. L. Whitlow, nw 1-4 sec 31, T7n. R8e. Con. \$1200 et al.

## Grand Master Here

The local Odd Fellows are planning an especially good time tonight, and will have as their guest, J. B. Hodgdon, Grand Master, of Deming, N.M. The regular session will be followed by a social session to which all members of the Rebekkahs are invited.

work in precinct 15, until ordered to continue by this board.

Upon the advice of the district attorney, the clerk is instructed to refuse to issue the license for a saloon at Abo, as prayed for and ordered by the board at the meeting last week.

A petition was presented asking that special counsel be employed to assist in the matter of collecting back taxes. The board named F. F. Jennings, his appointment subject to the approval of District Attorney Abbott.

## CLOSING EXERCISES ESTANCIA SCHOOLS

Will Take Place at Baptist Church Tonight. Program Includes Oratorical Contest.

Opening Song, Morning Invitation  
Salutatory  
Recitation, The Nameless Guest  
Dialogue, Writing Poetry, Charlie Bond and Walter O'Gilvary  
Recitation, The Army of "I Can't's"  
Recitation, Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep  
Drill, Sun Bonnet Drill  
Recitation, All Most a Man

Oratorical Contest.  
Rum's Devastation and Destiny  
The Final Voice  
The Bridal Feast  
Called to Account  
William Sterling  
Rum's Tragedies  
The Court of Last Appeal  
Farce, "The Mischievous Nigger."  
Presentation of Medal  
Recitation, Good Bye  
Closing Song, Spring Time

Ten Girls  
Jesse Meyer  
Rena Smith  
Zelpho Tuttle  
Jeffie Duke  
Ten Girls  
Milton Berkshire

Etta Cochran  
Lella Laws  
Oneta Hays  
Lon Weaver  
Marguerite Roberts  
Nannie Marsh  
Willie Self  
Rev. D. B. Jackson  
Willie Pence  
Ten Girls

## Dry Farming versus Scientific Soil Culture

The term "dry farming" has been popularized in recent years. In some respects it is appropriate and expressive and it has a proper meaning insofar as it refers to farm operations in a country where it is so dry as to require special treatment. But it is an unfortunate term. It does not have a definite meaning. It has been loosely used. It has been abused and misused.

Our readers are entitled to a fair statement of the relation between so-called "dry farming" and true scientific soil culture. In the first place, scientific soil culture is a development following many years of patient investigation. It goes right to the heart of the whole problem of maintaining the physical condition of the soil best adapted to plant growth. It includes the methods of conservation of soil moisture and also the methods of maintaining or developing fertility in the soil by a certain use of both air and water in the soil which the farmer can and should control by mechanical tillage.

"Dry faaming," as the term is generally used, means almost anything done to secure crops in a dry country. More especially it is taken to refer to common principles of tillage but more thoroughly applied. Sometimes it also refers to summer fallow. But it refers rather to what is desired of accomplishment rather than the method of doing it.

Now "dry farming" is all right and well enough in its place. Everyone seeking success through "dry farming" is engaged in doing better farming, and that is a good thing. Every farmer who really tries to do better farming will in fact get better results. But the thought which is uppermost in the minds of very many who talk of "dry farming" is that by this process sure crops are secured in all ordinary seasons, with the chance of failure in very bad seasons still facing the plucky farmer. Herein is there a vital difference from real soil culture.

The "dry farmer" has taken a part of the system of soil culture and has made good use of it. That is well as far as it goes. And it is not entirely the fault of the farmer that he has stopped short. The influences emanating from the office of the agricultural department at Washington have discouraged him, or rather have made it im-

possible for him to go further. It has been taught with a persistency worthy of a better cause that aside from just doing good farming there is no salvation for the semi-arid region aside from the discovery or breeding of drouth-resisting plants. The farmer has not been shown by those who ought to be leaders in the work that which is true, namely, that the secret of success lies locked in the soil itself and the farmer has but to find the key and do the unlocking.

We say it without complaining, without criticism, in kindly spirit but without fear of successful contradiction, that the narrow scope of the so-called "dry farming" is largely due to the unwillingness of those in authority in the agricultural department to depart from the old ideas even in the face of absolute evidence that through scientific soil culture the new ideas have triumphed.

We have no quarrel with those who are working along other lines. We welcome all honest inquiry and join in all unbiased investigation. Our friends, the "dry farmers," deserve encouragement. They have accomplished a great work. They have opened the eyes of the world to the possibilities of this semi-arid region. But we invite them to step up higher. Come with us and aid us in making of this agricultural science for the semi-arid region that which will forever end all uncertainty. It is not enough to get good crops in good seasons by good farming; let us make sure of good crops every season and double our crops in ordinary seasons and under ordinary conditions.

Scientific soil culture includes not only all that is done in the name of "dry farming" but more, for it contemplates care of the soil from year to year, and especially preparation of the soil for the crop in the previous year. It means keeping the soil in right condition for the development of available fertility and perfect plant growth not only for this season but for next season and afterwards.

The weakness of "dry farming" is that it goes only half way and leaves the farmer helpless in the time when he most needs help. Let us get together and find the way to insure against failure. Already and within the past

## Tariff on Wool Remains Unchanged

Washington, April 12.—Western senators are pleased with the general provisions of the tariff bill as reported by Senator Aldrich to the senate today, and with the exception that hides and coal are not treated in accordance with their wishes, would give the Aldrich measure unqualified support.

On these two items they speak in hopeful terms of correction on the floor of the senate. Senator Warren said today:

"We of the West should be fairly satisfied with the bill. Wool has been restored to the Dingley rates and while we expected an increase of duty on third class wool, we know that the industry has prospered under the Dingley rates and if we hold them in the senate and in conference we can expect continued prosperity. We have yet to make the fight for the Dingley protective rates on hides and coal and we hope to succeed."

Senator Clark, with his colleague, said he was hopeful that the Dingley rates on hides and coal could be restored.

The Dingley rates on women's and children's gloves, which were materially increased by the house, have been restored. Fur lined gloves are provided with a duty that is \$1.50 lower than the original rates in the Payne bill.

One of the most significant changes made by the senate committee is that which restores the rates of the Dingley law on women's stockings. The house ways and means committee had provided in the Payne bill material increases in the duties on fashioned hosiery. This probably aroused more popular interest than any other feature in the Payne bill, thousands of club women taking a stand against the duty, and women employed in the hosiery factories of the East declaring in favor of the increased rates. The increase provided in the Payne bill affected the cheaper grades of hosiery and did not disturb the duty on the highest grade.—Denver Republican.

## Saloon Closed

The saloon of Felix Gurule was closed on Monday night by Sheriff Meyer. Mr. Gurule not having the necessary license to run the same. He claims that at the expiration of his old license, he made application through Jesus Garcia deputy treasurer at that time for a renewal accompanying the application by the fee of \$200. Mr. Garcia it is alleged, kept putting him off from time to time, whenever he made inquiry as to the license, claiming that the license would arrive shortly. An investigation of the treasurer's books shows no record of the application nor license, except that the date of the original license on the register, which had been written in ink, had been changed with pencil to read 1909 instead of 1908.

ten months the ill effects of the old time drouth have been sorely felt in some sections of the semi-arid belt and settlers of one and two years ago have become disheartened and have gathered their all and returned to their eastern homes only because they were practicing "dry farming" and did not understand scientific soil culture in its entirety, —Campbell's Scientific Farmer.

## IMMENSE AGREAGE PLANTED IN SPUDS

Twelve Planters to be Used in Neighborhood of McIntosh

That the potato crop in the vicinity of McIntosh, this year, will be no small thing, is proven by the fact that the firm of White & Wagner has sold to farmers in that neighborhood nine potato planters this spring. As far as known there are at least three other planters owned by McIntosh farmers, making an even dozen of the machines to be used there.

Each of these planters has been spoken for by neighbors, so that every machine will be busy until the middle of next month or later, averaging not less than fifty acres each. Besides these six hundred acres, almost every farmer will plant a few by hand. If the crop of the past few years is any criterion potatoes will be shipped from McIntosh next fall by the train load.

Those who purchased planters from the McIntosh firm are: Joe Fehmer, R. O. Soper, H. J. Pemberton, T. J. Haynie, T. H. Matthews, S. N. Rozell, H. Atchison, J. A. Richart and D. L. Stump.

## Fielder-Decker

Last evening at five o'clock, Rev. D. B. Jackson, pastor of the local Baptist Church spoke the words uniting in marriage Miss Connelia M. Fielder and Ira F. Decker. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson in the presence of a number of relatives and friends of the bridal party.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Fielder, residing west of McIntosh, having been an employee of the News Office for something more than a year. The groom is one of Estancia's young carpenters, and has a neat home of his own building ready for the reception of his bride. Both are well known especially in church circles and count all their acquaintances as friends.

In order to avoid a possible visitation from their many friends in the way of a serenade or charivari, Mr. and Mrs. Decker went to the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Howell to spend the night, but the young folks were not to be so easily outwitted. A crowd of sixteen secured transportation to the ranch and called on the young folks there. A most pleasant evening was spent, the home going being at a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Decker will be "at home" in Estancia for a few months, after which they will take up their residence on the homestead southwest of town. A host of friends offer sincere well wishes, among which the News is not the least.

## Easter Dance.

The Catholic Club will give an Easter Ball on Saturday night, April 17, at Walker Hall, to which the public generally is invited. An enjoyable evening is promised all who come.

Henry Epler left the first of the week for Francisco Gomez' ranch in the Ladernals north-east of town, to re-cement his large storage tank.